THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The Government has been following three pronged strategy to deal with the JJ dwellers in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(i) Where the JJ dwellers are residing prior to 31.12.1998 and such land is urgently required by the land owing agency for the execution of a public purpose project, such JJ dwellers are relocated elsewhere.

(ii) *In-situ* upgradation of the JJ cluster is resorted to where the land owning agency does not need the land in the foreseeable future and gives No Objection Certificate (NOC) to the effect that such clusters may be upgraded.

(iii) Civic amenities like water supply, street lighting, road, storm water drains, etc. are provided in JJ clusters, which do not fall in categories (i) and (ii) above.

All slum clusters on land owned by various authorities/agencies are dealt with as per the above strategy. No recent survey has been conducted to assess the numbers of JJ clusters existing in the city.

High Power Committee for redressal of grievances of residents

†134. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority is considering to constitute a High Power Committee for redressal of grievances of residents of the colonies;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this regard, so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, there exist mechanisms in DDA for redressal of grievances with respect to DDA flats. The allottee may bring to the DDA's notice any defect of see page, dampness and leakage on account of rain in writing up to the period of passing of one monsoon season or six months from the date of taking over possession. Other defects like leakage of sanitory or water supply fittings as well as of defective electrical fittings may be brought to the notice of DDA in writing within six months from the date of taking over possession of the property. These are attended to by DDA.

As far as demand letter, allotment letter and possession letter of DDA flat is concerned, there are three complaint counters at Reception in DDA which are monitored by a Deputy Director level officer. These complaints are monitored by higher officers for appropriate redressal of the grievances.

Funds for development of small and medium towns in Meghalaya

135. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by Government to the State of Meghalaya for development of various small and medium towns during the last three years and till-date district-wise; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the development of the above towns in the State during this period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) During 1998-99 A sum of Rs. 88 lakhs was released